

Region: Northeast

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Is agency Medicaid certified? no **Faith-based Organization:** no
Minority or Disadvantaged Vendor: yes (Minority Vendor & Disadvantaged Vendor)

Facility Accessibility:

• Is wheelchair accessible	• Has a location near public transportation
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Specializations:

- Programs for Women
- Services for Persons Involved in the Criminal Justice System

Hours of Operations:

Monday:	8:30am-4:30pm	Tuesday:	8:30am-4:30pm
Wednesday:	8:30am-4:30pm	Thursday:	8:30am-4:30pm
Friday:	8:30am-4:30pm	Saturday:	None
Sunday:	None	Emergency Contact 24 Hour Phone Number:	

Program Description

At this time, Benedict Center Women's Harm Reduction Program has suspended its Domestic Violence groups because we are in process of enhancing our ability to assist women. We expect that we will reopen these groups early in 2006. The new groups will incorporate a model of dealing with trauma that moves beyond assisting women to exit violent living situations to also helping them, after they have left their abuser, deal with the psychological aftereffects of trauma. This model is a comprehensive program that emphasizes survivor empowerment and peer support. It helps women learn how to cope with blame, responsibility, and how to include forgiveness as an important part of their recovery. Group members will learn how to evaluate their own progress and make plans for healing and support that goes beyond their group involvement.